GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1440
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CBDT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of scrutiny cases of concealed income up to Rs. 5 lakh are pending with the CBDT;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether step have been taken by the CBDT to expeditiously complete these pending cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a): It would be premature to ascertain the number of scrutiny cases resulting into detection of a particular amount of concealment (say, amounts up to Rs 5 lakhs) unless assessments in such cases are finalized.

(b): Not applicable in view of above.

(c) & (d): Not applicable in view of the above.
However the steps taken by CBDT to expeditiously complete the assessments that are pending include-
(i) Selection of Cases for scrutiny through CASS ('Computer Aided Scrutiny Selection') where the enquiry is confined to certain specific parameter only so as to narrow down the scope of assessment.
(ii) Constant monitoring of progress in disposal of scrutiny assessments by supervisory officers. The monthly progress is also monitored by the respective Zonal Members at CBDT.
(iii) Assessing officers have been instructed to raise specific queries during assessments and not to make frivolous enquiries.
(iv) A pilot project for conducting paperless assessment proceedings has been launched so as to reduce the compliance burden and to complete the assessments at a faster pace.